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Unitary shipments -----

January 1.1 percent gain sets record

ARLINGTON, Va. -- U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and air-source heat pumps continued their record-breaking 1987 pace by setting a new January monthly record, according to ARI statistics. This was the 19th straight monthly record in a string that began in July 1986.

After taking 11 years to break the 1973 annual shipments record of 2,767,792, the industry set new annual records in three of the last four years (1984, 1986, and 1987). Nearly 3,955,064 units were shipped in 1987.

U.S shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during January:

- o totalled 290,203,
- o up 1.1% from January 1987.

Heat pump shipments included in the January figures:

- o totalled 68,975,
- o down 9.2% from January 1987.

January factory stocks:

- o down 49,361 units from December,
- o up 49,879 units from January 1987.

January distributor shipments:

- o up 32% from January 1987.

January distributor inventories:

- o down 46,341 units from December,
- o up 35,728 units from January 1987.

January U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o up 68% from January 1987.

January U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- o up 68% from January 1987.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary by size.)

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Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's Condensed Summary by Size of United States Manufacturers' Shipments

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UNITED STATES

	SIZE BTUH (000)		NUMBER OF UNITS: CONDENSER-TYPE AIR OR EVAP. COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1987
CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE	Under 16.5		2765		2765	26.2-
	16.5-21.9		24197		24197	17.9-
	22-26.9		61035		61035	2.1+
	27-32.9		57327		57327	1.7+
	33-38.9		68611	24	68635	9.4+
	39-43.9		21102		21102	3.1+
	44-53.9		23293		23293	2.6+
	54-64.9		20773	64	20837	3.5-
	65-96.9		4630	38	4668	10.2+
	97-134.9		3077	33	3110	27.1+
	135-184.9		1604	29	1633	10.3+
	185-249.9		591	30	621	8.4+
	250-319.9		289	10	299	32.9+
	320-379.9		187	13	200	17.0+
	380-539.9		181	23	204	5.7+
	540-639.9		72	7	79	45.5-
	640 and over		184	14	198	10.0+
	TOTAL		289918	285	290203	1.1+